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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PLO REPRESENTATIVE

1. BRIEF VISIT TO NZ AND PUBLIC REMARKS BY PLO REPRESENTATIVE JAMEL EL SOURANI OCCASIONED PRESS STATEMENT JUNE 19 BY PM ROWLING THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN LINE WITH NEW ZEALAND'S POLICY TO ALLOW PLO TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN NZ "WITH STATUS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION", ADDING THAT NZ DOES NOT RECOGNIZE PLO AS SOLE VOICE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

2. SOURANI, WHO PUBLICLY THANKED NZ PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPORTING PLO VOICE IN THE UN, MET WITH GROUP OF MFA OFFICIALS HEADED BY DEPT. SECY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SCOTT, FROM WHOM ACTING DCM OBTAINED RUNDOWN.

3. SCOTT DENIED THAT ROWLING'S PHRASE "STATUS OF
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DIPLOMATIC MISSION" IMPLIED PLO WOULD BE PERMITTED

ESTABLISH NON-DIPLOMATIC OFFICE; HE STATED GNZ HAS NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING PLO TO OPEN ANY TYPE OF OFFICE IN NEW ZEALAND.

4. SCOTT SAID SOURANI, WHO IS TRAVELING ON EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND WAS ISSUED ORDINARY NZ VISA, ARGUED IN MEETING AT MFA THAT EFFORTS TO DISENGAGE MILITARY FORCES IN ME AND PRODUCE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IGNORE PLIGHT OF PALESTINIANS, WHICH IS THE REAL PROBLEM, AND THAT PLO CONSEQUENTLY WOULD NOT ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE. WHEN MFA CONDEMNED PALESTINIAN TERRORISM, SOURANI AT FIRST TRIED TO JUSTIFY SUCH ACTIONS AND THEN CLAIMED THAT PLO DOES NOT SUPPORT AND CANNOT CONTROL TERRORISTS.
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